

Schaumburg, IL - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) will host a series of Internet safety forums across the 8th Congressional district. Parents, students, seniors and Internet-users of all ages are encouraged to attend. The events, sponsored and hosted by Congresswoman Bean, will educate constituents about the dangers of the Internet and offer ways to protect against criminals such as **identity thieves and child predators**.

Tuesday, May 30

6:00 pm

Harper College, Wojcik Conference Center
1200 W. Algonquin Road
Palatine, IL 60067

Wednesday, May 31

6:00 pm

Round Lake Middle School, Cafeteria
2000 N. Lotus Drive
Round Lake Heights, IL 60073

Thursday, June 1

6:00 pm

McHenry County College, Conference Ctr.
8900 US Highway 14
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Saturday, June 10

12:30 pm

College of Lake County, Room B-159
19351 W. Washington Street
Grayslake, IL 60030

As part of her ongoing efforts to counter the increasing frequency of Internet-based crimes, **Bean introduced the SAFER NET Act (HR 4982)**

, which will streamline and enhance existing Internet safety programs, provide easy access to cyber-crime information and outline steps people can take to protect themselves and their families.

The number of cyber-crimes against children and teenagers has increased every year since the

inception of the Internet. According to Highlights of the Youth Internet Safety Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice “one in five children (10 to 17 years old) receive unwanted sexual solicitations online.”

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